

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 14 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a body-side ~~elevation~~ plan view of a chamois constructed in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph 15:

Fig. 2A is an assembled cross-section view of the chamois of Fig. 1, showing the chamois without the optional elastic anti-microbial material layer 216;

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph 24:

Fig. 2A depicts an assembled cross-section view of the chamois 100. With reference to Figs. 2 and 2A, the cloth layers 204, 210, foam layer 206, and foam pads 208 each include a cycling short or garment facing side (i.e., a side that faces towards the garment) and a body facing (i.e., a side that faces towards the body). More particularly, as viewed in Figs. 2 and 2A, the lower sides of the cloth layers 204, 210, foam layer 206, and foam pads 208 are the garment facing sides of these layers and pads, and their upper sides are the body facing sides of these layers and pads.

When the chamois 100 is assembled as shown for example in Fig. 2A, at least a portion of the body facing side of cloth layer 204 may contact or abut at least a portion of the garment facing side of the foam layer 206. Yet further, as described above, the foam layer 206 may generally traverse the entire chamois 100. Accordingly, in some embodiments, the garment facing side of the foam layer 206 may solely contact or abut the body facing side of cloth layer 204.

With continued reference to Fig. 2A, which shows one possible assembled condition for the chamois 100, at least a portion of the garment facing side of one or more of the foam pads 208 may contact or abut at least a portion the body facing side of the foam layer 206. Additionally, at least a portion of the body facing side of the foam layer 206 may abut or contact at least a portion of the garment facing side of cloth layer 210. Yet further, at least a portion of the body facing side of one or more of the foam pads may contact or abut at least a portion of the garment facing side of cloth layer 210.

As described above, foam layer 206 may generally traverse the entire chamois 100 , and the foam pads may generally be positioned in support areas 106 and 110. With reference to Fig. 1, support areas 106 and 110 may occupy a portion of the area encompassed by chamois 100. Further, the perimeter of chamois 100 may generally encompass each of these support areas 106 and 110, and thus may generally encompass the perimeters of one or more of the foam pads 108 positioned in these support areas 106 and 110. Since foam layer 206 may generally transverse the entire chamois 100, the perimeter of foam layer 206 may generally correspond to the perimeter of chamois 100. Accordingly, like the perimeter of the chamois 100, the perimeter of foam layer 206 may generally encompass the perimeters of one or more of the foam pads 108.